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1. JULY 11, BOTH PRIME MINISTER MERCADO AND FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR REITERATED THEIR OPPOSITION TO FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING NOTING THAT PERU WOULD TAKE NECESSARY STEPS IF EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED. IN ANSWER TO REPORTER'S QUESTIONS, NEITHER SPECULATED ON POSSIBLE BREAK IN RELATIONS ALTHOUGH DE LA FLOR SAID PERU'S POLICY WAS CLEAR IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT VELASCO'S 1971 DECLARATION THAT PERU WOULD SEVER WITH FRANCE.

2. PERU'S 1971 THREAT TO BREAK RELATIONS WAS NOT CARRIED OUT DUE TO PROBABLE EFFECTS THIS WOULD HAVE HAD ON FRENCH AID TO PERU.

3. PERU'S VOCAL STANCE AGAINST FRENCH TESTING HAS NOT BEEN APPLIED TO CHINA. DOUBLE STANDARD APPEARS STEM FROM FACT CHINESE RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT DOES NOT REACH PERU WHEREAS FRENCH DOES.

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